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SUBJ: GVN ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON ROCKETING OF PLEIKU AIRFIELD

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WU ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS YESTERDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

2. QTE - REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEPARTMENT OF PRESS AND INFORMATION, COMMUNIQUE, NO 179/
BNG/TTBC/TT ON NOVEMBER 23, 1973, AT 1500 HOURS, COMMUNIST
GUNNERS FIRED 19 ROUNDS 122MM ROCKETS INTO CU HANH AIRFIELD
IN PLEIKU PROVINCE, WOUNDING 12 SOLDIERS AND 9 OF THEIR RELA-
TIVES, AND DAMAGING ONE TERMINAL BUILDING, ONE HOUSE,
ONE CARIBOU AIRCRAFT AND 3 FIRE-ENGINES.

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3. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME WITHIN 17 DAYS THAT THE COMMUNISTS SHELLED INTO AN AIRFIELD OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. THE FIRST SHELLING TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 6, 1973 WHEN THE COMMUNISTS FIRED 27 ROUNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS ON THE AREA COVERING VIEN HOA AIRBASE, SETTING AFIRE A RESIDENTIAL AREA, KILLING ONE CIVILIAN, AND WOUNDING 9 OTHERS INCLUDING 2 CHILDREN.

4. BY SO DOING, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BRUTALLY VIOLATED ARTICLES 3C AND 10 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973 ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM, ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, AND ITEMS 3 AND 4 OF THE JOINT-COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973. THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE COMMUNIST REPRESENTATIVES THEMSELVES UNDER THE FALSE PRETEXT OF REPRISALS AGAINST THE FICTITIOUS VIOLATIONS BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETN-NAM.

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM STRONGLY DENOUNCES BEFORE PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND ABROAD THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTS COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE IN SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND SABOTAGING PEACE IN VIET-NAM.

6. ONCE AGAIN, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE CLEARLY SHOWN THEIR CONTEMPT FOR THE COMMITMENTS THEY HAD SOLEMNLY MADE, AND LAID BARE THEIR WARLIKE ATTITUDE AS WELL AS THEIR SCHEME OF CONTINUING TO CONQUER SOUTH VIET-NAM BY FORCE, IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE SACRED RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM AND THEIR ASPIRATIONS TO LIVE IN A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC REGIME.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO ABIDE BY AND SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, BUT IT FIRMLY RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO COUNTER THE VIOLATIONS COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS. THE COMMUNIST SIDE MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTS. UNQTE MARTIN

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